

# South Tipperary Development Company (STDC)

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Environment, Community and Local Government



## South Tipperary Development Company

- Established in July 2008 as a result as a process known as the “Cohesion Process”. Brought together Tipperary LEADER Group; Clonmel Community Partnership and the part of Barrow, Nore Suir LEADER group that was operating in South East Tipperary.
- 24 directors on the board
  - 8 - Community and voluntary forum
  - 5 - Social Partners – Includes 2 from the farming sector and 1 from the Environmental sector
  - 5 - Local Government
  - 6 - State agencies – Including Teagasc

## **Programmes managed by South Tipperary Development Company**

- Rural Development Programme (LEADER) 2007 – 2013
- Local & Community Development Programme (LCDP)
- Rural Social Scheme (RSS)
- National Countryside Recreation Strategy
- Tús
- Traveller Health Programme
- Home Repairs Scheme
- Lead agency for “The Incredible Years Programme” funded by the Tony Ryan Trust

## **Rural Development Programme 2007 – 2013 (more commonly known as the LEADER Programme)**

- Managed in South Tipperary by South Tipperary Development Company (STDC)
- Budget available to STDC of €12.4 million over the period of the Programme

## Who can benefit from LEADER?

- Farm families wishing to diversify into non agricultural activities
- Rural Businesses wishing to expand or diversify or a newly established business
- Community groups promoting community based projects
- Voluntary organisations or special interest groups promoting social, cultural or environmental projects

## LEADER “Measures”

A “Measure” is a category under which a programme is funded. There are seven “Measures” under the LEADER Programme:-

- Farm Diversification into non-agricultural activities
- Support for the creation and development of micro enterprises
- Encouragement and development of tourism activities
- Village renewal and development
- Conservation and upgrade of rural heritage
- Relevant training
- Co-operation projects at national and international level



### **Enterprise Development Animator**

- Business Start-up competition in Tipperary Town, Clonmel and Carrick-On-Suir
- Diversification of farm income
- Litter awareness

### **Heritage and Tourism Development Animator**

- Development of The Butler Trail
- River Suir

### **Trails and Conservation Animator**

- Ecclesiastical Trail through Slieve Ardagh
- St. Declan's Way
- Tholsel, Fethard



### **Outdoor Amenities and Activities Animator**

- Knockmealdowns Strategy
- Galtee Mountains Strategy

### **Festivals and Events Animator**

- Coordinating and supporting Festivals and Farmer's Markets
- The Gathering 2013

## South Tipperary Development Company

- Co-operation between Local Development Companies in the South East – Forestry
- Appoint Animators – Coordinate Woodland Owners
- Mr. Jim Dudley contracted by STDC – Funded under the Rural Development Programme 2007-2013 (LEADER)

## South Tipperary Development Company

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## South Tipperary Development Company

### Next Steps

- Each County/area to establish legal entity representing member Woodland Owners
- “Strength in numbers”
- Education and information
- Self sustainable Woodland Owners Groups
- Exploit economic opportunities

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